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6-10-02PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 1-21 as follows:

-- 1. (Once Amended) An appliance for personal use comprising:

a driving mechanism including an electric motor; and

a control stage for controlling a supply of energy from an energy supply to the electric motor wherein the control stage is configured to during off-periods of the electric motor supply the electric motor with an energy signal which is adapted in particular in terms of duration and/or amplitude to cause the electric motor while off and in a capacity as an electroacoustic transducer, to emit audible signals.

2. (Once Amended) The appliance as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electric motor is a low-duty motor comprising a rotor and a stator.

3. (Once Amended) The appliance as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electric motor is an asynchronous, synchronous, stepping, reluctance motor.

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